

MR853-744

Serial Number: 10/789,238

Reply to Office Action dated 17 December 2007

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 17-25 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 5 shows enlarged a proximal section 12 of the appliance of FIG. 3. Section 12 includes a lip 42 which is placed by a user beneath a cuticle so that it rests against the base of the cuticle. The proximal section contains an upstanding wall 43 which supports a cutting blade 15, and a rear support structure 43'. The cutting blade shown in FIG. 7, extends beyond the left end of wall 43, as viewed and may also extend beyond the right end of wall 43. The extension of the blade beyond the wall positions the blade edges to cut the cuticle along an arc which follows the shape of the cuticle base against which lip 42 bears as the appliance 10 is moved by a user. FIG. 6 illustrates the cap 18 and FIG. 7 shows the blade 15.

MR853-744

Serial Number: 10/789,238

Reply to Office Action dated 17 December 2007

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached replacement Drawing sheet includes a change to Fig. 5 and replaces the original sheet that included Fig. 5 thereon. In Fig. 5, the number 43' has been added.

Attachment: One Replacement Sheet.